

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

DC Chester Logan
DC Joyce Motley
Sgt. David Jones
Sgt. Karen Fairley
Sgt. Walter Clement
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Reginald Crawford

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Anisley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator
Kent Cooper, Police Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Tawanna Morris
Media

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 pm.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Thursday, January 5, 2006
- Thursday, January 12, 2006

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There were no reports from the chair.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	18	69
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	10	39

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 12 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 1 case to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 4 cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

Homicide

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, January 26, 2006
@3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

During the period of January 9, 2006 through January 15, 2006, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 50 search warrants and 26 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 40 Felony arrests
 - 96 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 5 Juveniles detained
 - 623.6 grams of cocaine, 33.4 grams of heroin, 18,367.60 grams of marijuana, street value
 - **\$383,030.40**
 - **\$19,075.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 21 Handguns

On January 8th, officers responded to the 1000 block of E. Jefferson on a “Child Abuse,” run. An investigation revealed that the baby would not stop crying and the child’s father restrained the baby’s hands and feet while he suffocated him. The child was taken to the hospital to be treated and died from his injury. **As a result of this investigation, the father was arrested without incident and charged with “Murder 1,” and “Felony Murder.”**

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Domestic Violence

On January 14th, officers from Northwestern District responded to the 19000 block of Huntington on a “Domestic Violence” run. An investigation revealed a man armed with a handgun, choked and punched a female until she loss consciousness. The female was taken to the hospital and treated for her injuries. **Subsequent to the investigation, the man was arrested and charged with “Aggravated Domestic Violence,” and “Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm.”**





Eastern District

On January 12th, officers of the Eastern District in the area of E. 7 Mile and Schoenherr were flagged down by a citizen who identified a man that robbed him the day before. An investigation disclosed that four (4) men, one (1) armed with a handgun, approached the vehicle, robbed the driver and attempted to take his vehicle. The driver escaped in his vehicle unharmed. **As a result of the investigation, one (1) man was arrested without incident and charged with "Armed Robbery."**

Northeastern District

On January 12th, officers of the Northeastern District in the area of the 3000 block of E. Lafayette observed a large crowd gathered. An investigation disclosed (2) females were fighting, when one of the females' mother approached, stabbed the female fighting her daughter; and a female who was trying to stop the fight, in the chest with a knife, then escaped in her vehicle. The two (2) injured females were taken to the hospital for treatment. **As a result of the investigation, the woman was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder," and "Weapon-Free Schools Assault with a Dangerous Weapon."**

Central District

On January 14th, officers from the Central District responded to the 2000 block of W. Grand Blvd on an "Armed Robbery Business" run. An investigation revealed that one (1) man armed with a handgun, forced the owner and five (5) women in the back of the business, made them tie themselves and cover their eyes and mouths. The man robbed everyone and escaped from the business. **No one was harmed and an investigation is still pending.**

Western District

On January 12th, officers of the Western District were in the area of Linwood and Pingree, when they observed a man walking in the middle of the street where a sidewalk was provided. When officers approached to advise, the man ran and tossed a handgun. **As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon on Person," "Felon in Possession," "Possession of Cocaine," and "Felony Firearm with a habitual 3rd notice." Confiscated were a handgun and Narcotics.**



Southwestern District

On January 11th, while responding to the the 7000 block of Tireman, Southwestern District officers observed a male fitting the description of a "Breaking and Entering" in progress. An investigation disclosed that a man broke into the business and drove off in a vehicle. **Subsequent to the investigation, the man was arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering."**



Northwestern District

On January 13th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 20000 block of 8 Mile Road on an "Armed Robbery/Carjacking" run. An investigation revealed that one (1) man armed with a handgun, made the driver get out of his vehicle and drove off in it. **Subsequent to the investigation, the man was located in the driver's car and arrested without incident. He was charged with "Armed Robbery," and "Carjacking."**

6. PRESENTATION-TECHNICAL SERVICE BUREAU

DC Logan introduced DC Motley and her staff from the Science and Technology Bureau.

DC Motley presented information on the Science and Technology Bureau, inclusive of the Technical Service Bureau.

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

Comm. Holley asked DC Motley to explain the video system for the prisoners' detention area.

DC Motley stated the department is putting in the new cameras to monitor the holding cells and the prisoners.

Chairperson Ramirez asked which districts have holding cells?

DC Motley stated all, but the old 13th precinct in the Central District.

Comm. Hampton asked what are the criteria to become a member of the Science & Technology Bureau?

DC Motley stated we require computer skills, repair skills and biology experience for the Crime Lab. To be employed with the bomb unit, you need to be certified by the FBI.

Comm. Holley asked how does our technology compare to other cities?

DC Motley stated we don't compare ourselves to any other cities, but we have a great communication system.

Comm. Holley asked do we look for grants?

DC Motley stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked do you know how much money we received from grants?

DC Motley stated she would get that information for him.

Comm. Holley asked how are we marketing the difference between 311 and 911 to the communities?

DC Motley stated we have done some marketing; and at the community meetings we let the citizens know when to call 311.

Comm. Holley asked is there anything we can do to help with marketing 311, such as having bumper stickers on our cars?

DC Motley stated when 311 came online, we did a marketing campaign to inform the citizens.

Comm. Holley asked are we spending money on 911 runs that should be 311 calls?

DC Motley stated that's not a yes or no answer. She doesn't currently have any stats, but stated we need to continue to market 311 from day to day.

Comm. Hampton asked DC Motley if her department was responsible for the 800 MHz radios?

DC Motley stated yes, sir.

Comm. Hampton asked if all the departments have received their radios, and if she could give an update on the in-car videos.

DC Motley stated that all of the departments have received their radios. She stated that the in-car videos are working. We also do the repairs. We asked that the officers let us know immediately when they aren't working.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that your department does the maintaining of the in-car video system?

DC Motley stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that 90% of the cases that she reviews state that the in-car video was not working. She stated this was brought up two months ago and we wanted to see a status report.

DC Motley stated the digital in-car video is better than the old system. She stated that they are repaired by her department. The problem is not the equipment but you have to turn it on.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what policies are in place to make sure the officers are turning on the equipment?

DC Motley stated that the shift supervisor must make sure that the equipment is operational and is turned on.

Comm. Hampton asked for an update at a later date to see where we are with those policies.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that she has no problem with that, but the information was requested two months ago. We need to know what is done to the officers who turn the equipment off.

DC Logan stated that AC Hall has put together some policies and procedures to make sure that these kinds of things will not continue to happen. He stated that we should see an increase of the equipment being operational. He stated he can assure the Board that we are not having those problems and will verify it with AC Hall today.

Comm. Holley stated that our concern is making sure we are in compliance with the Consent Decree. We are getting the feeling that the officers are purposely turning the equipment off.

AC Cromwell stated that 99 % of the videos have no sound. He stated we can get some statistical information as to whether it has gotten better during the last two months. Also, the accessibility for the investigators to retrieve the in-car video has been a problem.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that was her follow-up question. We would like the investigators to have better access to the in-car videos. She asked AC Cromwell how long do the investigators have to wait for the in-car video?

AC Cromwell stated between seven (7) to thirty (30) days.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that thirty (30) days is too long, we need to have access to them within five (5) days.

DC Logan stated he will meet with Exec. Dir. Goss at the conclusion of this meeting on the process.

Chairperson Ramirez stated maybe the Investigators can pull the videos themselves.

DC Logan stated we will act on this.

Chairperson Ramirez asked about the crime mapping statistics and asked don't we already have this?

DC Motley stated that this is new.

Chairperson Ramirez asked does this include the old mapping system?

Sgt. Jones stated this system will allow us to pull all of our information from the Crisnet and share it with other departments and the community.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what about the citizens who don't have the Internet at home?

Sgt. Jones stated they will have to go to the Library.

Chairperson Ramirez asked about the Neighborhood City Halls.

Sgt. Jones stated he doesn't know if there will be some security issues with the Neighborhood City Halls.

Comm. Holley asked if it can be put on the government channel.

Sgt. Jones stated it probably could, but he is not sure.

DC Logan asked DC Motley to state where our communication system will compare to other cities.

DC Motley stated that we would be number one.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that the media should know about this.

DC Motley stated Channel 2 did a special on the communication system.

Chairperson Ramirez asked who do you call to report abandoned cars?

DC Motley stated you can call 311 or go to any district.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how about environmental?

DC Motley stated 311 or go to any of the districts.

Comm. Holley asked DC Motley how long she has been with the Police Department?

DC Motley stated for thirty-two (32) years.

7. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS-APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Comm. Okdie stated we have three appeals before us today. They are BPC 05-003D PO Patricia Duncan. The oral argument has been withdrawn. This has been before us for reconsideration. The previous decision by the Board will be sustained.

BPC 05-004D PO Carlton Orange and BPC 05-007D PO Roger Sims, both arguments have been withdrawn and the decisions by the Trial Board will be sustained.

Atty. Hooks stated with respect to the appeals of PO Carlton Orange and PO Roger Sims, the oral arguments have been withdrawn, however the decision of the Board will be based on the record evidence because we do not have the benefit of the oral arguments. The Appeal Subcommittee will still make its recommendation to the Board.

Comm. Holley asked they will make a recommendation?

Atty. Hooks stated yes. After they have made their recommendation, it will be presented to the Board.

Comm. Holley asked there will be no action today?

Comm. Okdie stated that's correct, no action today.

8. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR
EDWARD BYRNE GRANT-CHAIRPERSON

The primary purpose of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program is to provide funding for state and local government initiatives, to improve and enhance technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for the following:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

The United States Department of Justice has extended the invitation to include any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under the Byrne or Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG).

The Detroit Police Department will request to be the designated "disparate community authorized joint/fiscal agent". Jurisdiction certified by the United States Department of Justice as disparate, must submit a joint application for the aggregate of funds allocated to them, specifying the amount of the funds that are to be distributed to each of the units of local government and the purpose for which the funds will be used. I am requesting your permission to apply for the grant in conjunction with Wayne County and its selected units of local governments.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what is “disparate community authorized joint/fiscal agent”?

Sgt. Clement stated that is legal terminology. We will be working with Wayne County and other federal agencies on this grant. We will be able to talk to other agents through our communication system with grants such as this one.

Comm. Holley asked is that like regional policing?

Sgt. Clement stated yes, but within the city of Detroit and the Wayne County areas.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how much is the grant for?

Sgt. Clement stated that we are expecting over a million dollars.

Chairperson Ramirez asked just to talk?

Sgt. Clement stated there are more elements to this grant.

Chairperson Ramirez asked which agencies are giving you in-kind services?

Sgt. Clement stated all of the agencies. We are also giving in-kind services by allowing everyone to talk through our communication system. We are not charging for this service.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are you working closely with other neighborhood agencies?

Sgt. Clement stated we will process the grant but Science & Technology will be operating it.

Chairperson Ramirez asked who gave you support letters?

Sgt. Clement stated the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how do you measure your success?

Sgt. Clement stated you look to see if crime has come down and if the number of arrests is increasing.

Comm. Holley stated you have some of those warrants out and the sheriff's (deputies) can pick them up.

Sgt. Clement stated an example is when a person robs an ATM machine in Detroit, then robs one in Warren. Each agency has bits and pieces of information.

With grants such as this one, we can communicate and share information with each other.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what about the prosecution programs?

Sgt. Clement stated they are a part of that element in the program. He doesn't have the final details.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if the monies will be funneled to the programs?

Sgt. Clement stated that's correct. He also stated that our communication system is the best in the state and country.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant request.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

11. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

R. Scott stated there should be some microwave capabilities to monitor the in-car video.

He wanted to know what is going to happen to the homeless people and why weren't they being trained to work the Super Bowl.

Comm. Holley stated they will have food and shelter for the homeless people where they can watch the Super Bowl. He stated we need to be working on a plan for them after the Super Bowl.

T. Morris stated she wanted to continue to monitor the relationship between the police and the citizens. She introduced Ms. Hampton who alleged that she has been victimized by the police department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked to Ms. Hampton to speak with AC Cromwell from the Chief Investigators office.

R. Crawford wanted the Board to be aware of the increase of video game violence. He stated his organization filed a federal injunction in the State of Michigan to prohibit the sale of videos games to individuals under the age of 17. That injunction did not pass.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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